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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :  
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Serial No.: New – (National Phase of :  
PCT/JP03/02816) :  
International filing date: March 10, 2003 :  
For: ELECTRIC INSULATING DEVICE OF :  
AIR CONDITIONER, AND AIR :  
CONDITIONER WITH THE DEVICE :

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant brings the attached references to the Examiner's attention and requests that they be considered and made of record in this application. Also attached is a completed PTO-1449 form. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three (3) months of the filing date of this application. Thus, *no fee is believed to be due for this Information Disclosure Statement*. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1836. A duplicate copy of this Statement is enclosed for that purpose.

Japanese Laid-Open Utility-Model Patent Publication No. 51-128024 appears to disclose a connection structure having various materials overlying the connection structure and interposed between the parts.

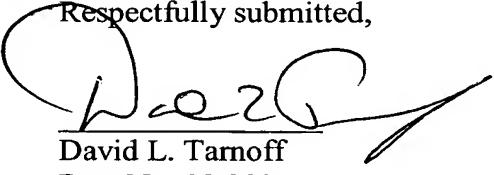
Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 4-000136 appears to disclose an electrically insulating joint is inserted in both connecting surfaces of a gas refrigerant pipe 8 and a liquid refrigerant pipe 9 made of electrically conductive material and arranged between

a room unit 1 and an outdoor unit 2. The International search report indicates that the full text and Figure 1 are relevant to this application. An English abstract is also provided to better understand this publication.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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